

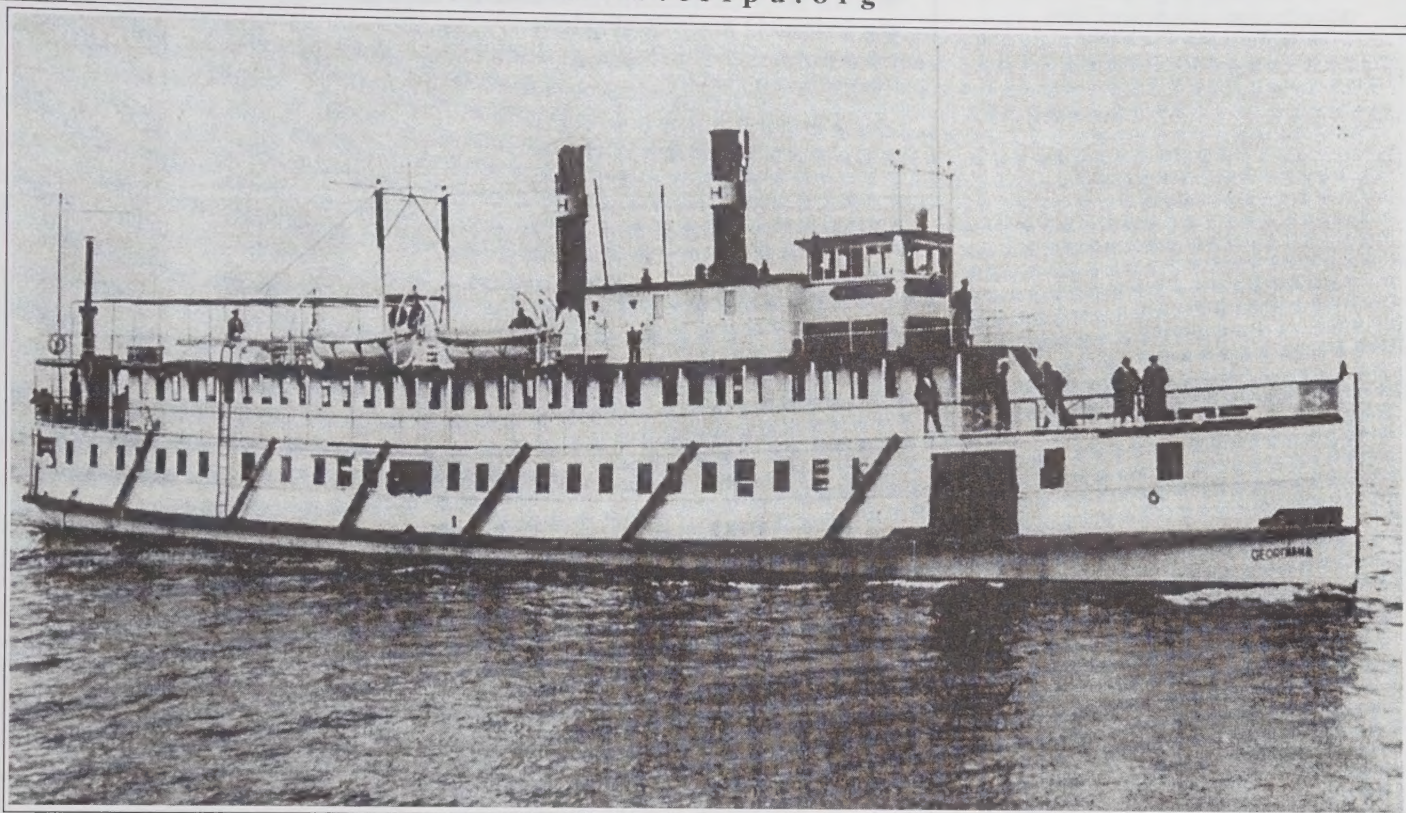


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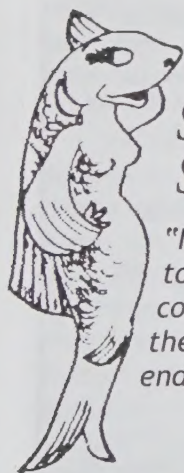
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Georgiana

1914 to 1936

Of all the passenger steamers that ran on the Lower River, few are better remembered than the lovely Georgiana. She began her career in the last flush years of passenger service between Portland and Astoria, and outlasted all her competitors on the run. Story continues on page 6.



Sally the Salmon Says...

"Now they want to list my wild coho cousins on the Columbia as endangered!"

Judge: Government improperly listed coho

By Christine Souza, Assistant Editor, Ag Alert

Bolstering efforts to have the government apply the best available science to decisions about protected species, a federal judge has ruled that the government improperly listed Klamath Basin coho salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan has declared that the federal government violated the ESA when it failed to consider hatchery fish in its assessment of coho in Northern California and Southern Oregon rivers.

The California Farm Bureau Federation says the ruling highlights the need for sound science when the government makes decisions that impact people's lives and influence the fate of plant and animal species.

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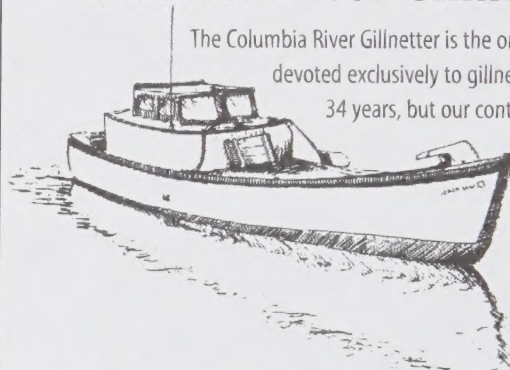
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From The Editor

Ups and Downs

Just when things are looking "for the better" in the Columbia River Commercial Fishery with fishermen, processor, and related business beginning to look to the future with a little increased positive attitude, we get news that brings us back "down to earth." It is kind of like a "yo-yo" going up and down with the income and profit of the industry based on a "roller coaster" ride that is never level, steady, or reliable.

We were in the "doldrums" not to long ago over marketing and prices related to aquaculture imports from Chile and British Columbia. The resulting losses were devastating and near crippling to the industry. Yet we "hung in there" with a positive attitude and "did what we had to do" to correct the situation and this past year our catch went easier with a decent price. Perhaps it was a smarter end educated consumer public, becoming wise to the chemical problems of the pen raised imports, that contributed most to this recovery.

Just when we are getting used to good run sizes with most all Salmon stocks, in the Columbia River, coming in off the Pacific in good shape, we are again reminded by certain signs that the "dreaded El Nino" can return. We have had good Northwest winds coupled with conducive ocean currents contributing to upwelling conditions that bring an enormous quantity of feed up out of the ocean depths. Now a warming and drying trend in our weather pattern here in the Northwest as well as warmer "southern" currents

moving North let us know future possibilities.

After all that we have done in the fishing industry to help protect Endangered Columbia River Salmon Stocks and do our part in conserving the species we are now facing a new "hurdle". The Federal Government in the form of NOAA Fisheries, formerly NMFS is proposing another endangered status under the ESA, this time the Lower Columbia Wild Coho. All of the sacrifices made in the area of Harvest such as Fin Clipping, Tangle Nets, and Recovery Boxes with the regulation of research studies, computer modules, checking, and enforcement that goes along with it would now switch from the Spring Fishery to the Fall.

Up and Down the river we "scratch our heads" in "bewilderment" as we decide how we must get into the "fray."

On the lighter side I had a nice visit with former CRFPU executive secretary Ross Lindstrom, the other day, and we got into the area of diver drifts up and down the river, Our discussion led to the different methods used by the drifts of determining layout and drawing numbers. We decided to get further information about drift rights for the next edition of the Gillnetter and also a story about snag diving, both hard hat and the newer scuba, air tank diving.

We met recently with a Biologist from the Long Beech Peninsula who has just retired from the SE Alaska Aquaculture Association in Ketchikan and he agreed to do a short article on the importance of hatcheries for both wild salmon supplementation and providing for harvest as well. Thanks to our good friend Duncan Law for bringing Donald Amend to our attention and welcome to the area Don. Happy New Year!

Jon Westerholm, Editor

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Commercial fishing on the Columbia River is one of the oldest industries in the State of Oregon. The industry is over 140 years old. In the early 1900's there were a number of ways that Salmon were being harvested. Purse Seines, Fixed Traps, Beach Seines and Gillnets were all used. There were over 2,000 Gillnet Boats fishing on the Columbia River in the early 1900's. By the year 1950 all types of gear were outlawed either by the vote of the people or by the action of the state except Gillnetting.

Time and Time again sport interests tried to do away with Gillnetting on the Columbia with no success. The biggest reason we have been able to carry on with our fishery is that we were willing to sit down with our management agencies such as the Columbia Riv-

er Compact and together we came up with ideas where we could harvest fish over the escapement needs and still reach escapement goals.

Some of the changes that have taken place to make this possible are fishing a large mesh net in parts of the year to give full protection to steelhead (which have been designated a game fish), not fishing in months when it might be in conflict with sport fishing, and then the last two springs we have been asked to fish tooth nets, a small mesh gear, short time in the water, along with recovery boxes and water pumps to help the wild fish survive for escapement. After making all these changes in ways of harvest we are still only allowed to harvest less than 1% of the Salmon entering the Columbia.

The Wild fish policy and the En-

dangered species listing is taking a serious toll on the fishing industries' loss of revenue because of over escapement of harvestable species.

Making it worse we now hear that "NOAA" is getting into the act and looking at listing lower river Coho. What is Next!!

Listing a certain species as endangered seems to be so easy, but in turn what is being done to correct the problems except to curtail the harvesters (the Commercial Fishermen), and how long is it going to take "NOAA" to do something about the largest harvester that needs to be curtailed. The Sea Lion which takes more fish than the Commercial and Sport Fisherman together!!!!

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To the Editor

Hi, Jon.

I really enjoyed the summer issue and want to share with you a memory it brought back.

The summer issue of the *Gillnetter* carries a letter from L. Paul Zankich in which he mentions Cecil Josephson.

I knew the Josephson clan well, spending so much time at their house my mother once asked me if I wanted to move in with them.

It was with Cecil that I have a most painful memory of being a bow puller, which I did with some frequency with the Josephsons, particularly Sylvester.

This was probably about 1934. On the night in question, Cecil had - for some reason I don't know - decided to make a drift with a diver net. No other Josephson had ever done this to my knowledge. Anyway, Cecil laid out above the sands opposite downtown Astoria.

When we started to pickup we found the net had sanded. I was just a kid and nearly ruptured myself trying to free the net after the web had wrapped itself around the leadline and then buried itself in the sand.

So far as I know, Cecil never tried a diver again and I for sure would never have volunteered to go with him if he had.

Don Goodall, Lake City, FL

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To the Editor:

I am pleased to see the Columbia River Gillnetter is alive and well and that the new editor is keeping up the tradition of mixing current affairs of interest with quality historical stories and pictures. I've not seen a publication of this nature in my 60-some years of traipsing around the planet. My congratulations to Jon and all those that make it possible!

On a slightly different note, as Project Manager of CEDC Fisheries, I often wonder how I could better reach the resource users (fisher folk) on a regular basis without having to jump through the hoops of publishing a newsletter and burden my staff with all the circulation implications. As I read the Summer 2004 edition it struck me that I could just as easily provide the CRG with one or two articles each edition that would fulfill that function.

Keeping each of you informed of the issues facing CEDC will allow you to realize in an abstract way what the project is doing and in what direction it is going. So if you are inclined to accept such an offer, I will be happy to provide a quarterly update and articles of interest on a regular basis.

Respectfully,

Tod Jones, Project Manager

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Jon:

Most interesting issue! I will have to give your predecessor, Don Riswick a call.

I went to Alaska for George on the "New Hope", crabbed with Al Berthelsen on the alongside Hermann Haggren's "Wellamo". His father, Mike Haggren, took me up river to fish that drift "???" near Multnomah Falls and I purchased the Moberg (Cecil?) bow picker (OR438CA). All this and more in the period 1963 to 1972.

Astoria is a beautiful town. My only wish is that it would strengthen it's economic base.

Regards,

Rolf & Kathleen Bremer

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending me my first copy of the Columbia River Gillnetter. I read every inch of it. I used to work (as a kid) at Union Fish where my dad (Potreck) was machinist for the 42 years. The industry still means a lot to me. Of course, there is all young blood around there. I noticed Abby Ihander's picture a while back in your paper. Herman Haggren was my cousin and we all miss him.

Let me thank you again and keep on doing the good work.

Cordially,

Louise (Potreck) Navetsky, Portland, OR.

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Jon Westerholm,

Having read your articles in the C. R. G. magazine, I felt that I should send a donation to help keep up the good work.

In the late 1940's, I lived in Brownsmead for a few years near Blind Slough, where the Union Fish Warehouse is still standing. I fished many fall seasons out of Uniontown, stayed many years at the *Karhuvaarus*

boarding hotel as well as the *Hottest spot in town* run by Elmer Koski. Half of Ilwaco's fishing fleet used to come to Aberdeen to fish after the August season, we used to refer to them as the Columbia River Cowboys.

I have many memories of these yesteryears. During my fishing years, I lived in Aberdeen, so the many articles in the C. R. G. bring back many memories of those times and I enjoy reading of them.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

Walter Hendrickson, Shelton, WA.

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Dear Jon,

I had been looking forward to the Summer 2004 issue of the *Gillnetter*. I knew my article on Astoria's waterfront was to be published. It's a thrill to see one's writing appear in public. What I found equally welcome was Bill Gunderson's story on Northshore. It evoked memories of my association with the station as it was known among the various stations of Columbia River Packers Assn., more generally known as C.R.P.A. for short. It was still known and referred to as Combine by old timers. I knew it as Combine in the late 1930's. My uncle August ran the pickup tender Astor for many years, and as a teenager, I served on her as deckhand for several years. One of our pickup locations, among others on the lower river, was Northshore station. I remember it as Bill described it. Frank Fleager was on site manager and lived in a house on the sloping hillside adjoining the all-pile supported structures over the water. Frank's house probably was not the one Bill mentioned. His references to fish traps was an interesting part of his story. I was very much associated with fish traps. My grandfather, Chas Wicken, a finnish immigrant, owned a trap opposite the McGowan church which still stands. It is adjacent to the first encampment site of the Lewis & Clark expedition in 1805 (which was later moved to the Oregon side on the Lewis & Clark river near Astoria). I spent a number of summer vacations helping my grandfather on the trap. This was an era of colorful and efficient way of harvesting the bountiful summer runs of Chinook salmon. Voters of the state of Washington approved initiative 77 in 1934 which ended a way of life and

income for hundreds, mainly in Chinook, WA, where the majority lived on the shores of Bakers Bay. Deliveries of the day's catch (24 hrs) were made by granddad at Chinook Packing Co. scow anchored in the bay immediately downstream from the Megler ferry landing. There were 2 traps nearby in this water. Fred Reiff of Chinook owned the two and delivered to the Chinook scow. Walter Williams and Leonard "Smitt" Olson, both from Chinook, operated traps in the vicinity Bill referred to. I would see them when deliveries were being made.

I find stories such as Bill's very interesting, having lived it myself, and it encourages other readers to contribute.

Harry Nelson, Portland, OR

Editor's Note:

Harry Nelson is the Astoria native that brought us on "A Ride Along Astoria's Waterfront in the 1930's" in the last issue of the *Gillnetter*. Unfortunately Harry passed away last December 16.

Georgiana *Continues from page 1*

A sleek, 135-foot propeller steamer, the Georgiana was launched at Joseph Supple's Portland shipyard in 1914. Built for the Harkins Transportation Company, she was named for Mrs. H. L. Pittock, wife of the Oregonian publisher, and Mrs. Anna Hosford, wife of the vessel's first captain. Her narrow, white-painted hull and trim, yacht-like appearance caused considerable comment on the waterfront.

Nor did her performance belie her looks. While she was not elegant, she was fast, and few boats could outrun her. Speed and economy had supplanted luxury as the keys to success on the river.

During her early years, the Georgiana prospered. She made the downriver run daily, leaving Portland at 7:00 a.m., arriving at Astoria around one o'clock, and tying up in Portland sometime after 9:00 p.m.

When the passenger trade dropped off with increased rail service, she became primarily a freight boat, making stops at landings all along the Lower River. She continued to carry passengers at low rates.

Through the early Thirties, when all the other passenger boats had been driven

from the river by automobiles and hard times, the Georgiana kept going. In 1936, however, operating at a heavy loss, she was withdrawn from service.

She won a brief reprieve the following year, when she was renamed Lake Bonneville and put on an excursion run to Bonneville Dam. Finally, after several years of idleness and neglect, she was beached and abandoned at Sauvie Island.



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Improper Coho Listing

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"We are working tirelessly and on all fronts to deal with the 'science problem' as it relates to environmental regulation, a problem which is really two separate issues: the government ignoring the science and imposing regulations, and the government imposing regulations without the best available science," said Brenda Jahns Southwick, managing counsel of the CFBF Natural Resources and Environmental Division.

"The latest decision by Judge Hogan will not immediately help the community of the Klamath Basin, but it will help long-term," said Ronda Azevedo Lucas, CFBF Natural Resources and Environmental Division associate counsel. "Cases like this provide tools to hopefully rectify the situation and that is what we are working on."

The ESA protection of threatened coho in the Klamath River was a significant factor in the government's decision to shut off irrigation water to the Klamath Basin. The U.S. Department of the Interior announced in April 2001 that it would halt water deliveries to nearly 200,000 acres of farmland served by its Klamath Project. The water instead was to be used to ensure adequate lake levels and river flows for protected fish species, including coho salmon.

The department's decision was based on biological opinions regarding the coho salmon and suckerfish given by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service).

The government's decision to shut off water to irrigators harmed and, in

some cases, ruined farms and local businesses. People were forced to leave the area and find new ways to make a living.

"There are farming families who never got back into farming because they lost a significant amount of money and couldn't qualify for loans. To find out now that it was not justified still does not reimburse those who lost and we've never recovered from it," said Tulelake Growers Association President Marty Macy.

Last week's decision in *Grange v. National Marine Fisheries Service* was stayed by Judge Hogan, pending environmentalists' attempts to appeal a related case, *Pacific Legal Foundation's victory in Alsea Valley Alliance v. Evans (2001)*. In that case, Hogan held that the government had illegally listed coho along the Oregon coast as threatened when it excluded hatchery coho from fish counts.

In last week's ruling, Hogan did not set aside the illegal listing, but left it in place while the agency completes a review of 26 West Coast salmon listings, which it agreed to undertake as a result of its loss in *Alsea*. In June 2004, NOAA Fisheries proposed a new hatchery policy, but simultaneously announced that it would result in the relisting, not delisting, of West Coast salmon and steelhead populations.

Hogan also indicated that if a federal agency took a specific enforcement action on behalf of the illegal listing, which caused harm, those harmed could go to court and ask to have the federal action stopped.

Farm Bureau's Natural Resources and Environmental Division is conducting research and drafting comments to ensure that the science

used by the government in forming these kinds of decisions is reliable, valuable and eventually leads to the recovery and delisting of species.

"The situation that occurred in the Klamath Basin is indicative of a larger battle," Southwick said, "and that is why Farm Bureau is so dedicated to ensuring sound science is used in all ESA decisions."

The division used its goal of the government's application of sound science as the basis of its comments on NOAA Fisheries' proposed hatchery listing policy.

The hatchery policy considers the role of hatchery fish in ESA listing determinations and the updated listing proposals address the ESA status of 27 "evolutionarily significant units" of salmon and steelhead on the West Coast, including 10 that occur in California.

"As the court in *Alsea Valley Alliance v. Evans* explained, the ESA does not give the federal government the discretion to give preferential treatment to some members of the same species in order to support a listing determination of the whole species. And as *Alsea* also explained, the agency cannot rely on other ESA-related goals such as prioritizing 'natural' salmon populations or ecosystem preservation to justify treating the hatchery fish differently at the listing stage. Unfortunately, this is precisely what the proposal does," Farm Bureau stated in its comments on the proposed hatchery policy.

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Donald J. Amend, Ph.D.
Fisheries Biologist, retired

Would it not be wonderful to have our salmon runs return to the abundance of a century ago? All of our salmon were wild coming from a pristine habitat. I think we all would like that to happen, but be careful what you wish for.

There has been much controversy regarding wild salmon and hatchery salmon. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been used by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to list costal coho salmon and many other salmon stocks as threatened or endangered. These listings were challenged in court and Judge Hogan ruled that the NMFS could not list them because the NMFS did not include hatchery reared salmon when making the listing. He ruled that the listing was arbitrary and capricious. The NMFS has since somewhat modified this policy because they could not prove

that there was any difference between wild and hatchery salmon.

Stop and think a minute. If the listing had stood, fisheries managers would have to manage only for wild salmon. THIS WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL SALMON HARVEST WOULD COME TO A STOP. Is this what we really want? Is it really necessary?

Today over 85% of the salmon harvested originate from a hatchery. This abundance has allowed us to over harvest many natural stocks in a mixed stock fishery. Many of our natural stocks could not take this heavy level of harvest. This is a problem of fishery managers and not a fault of the fish reared in a hatchery. The reasons for the decline of our wild stocks are complicated and have taken place over a number of years. We need to examine more carefully what took place and re-evaluate what is needed for the future.

Unfortunately, much of the natural salmon habitat has been lost and the abundance of wild salmon will not likely ever return to historic levels. Perhaps if we removed all the Dams, stopped most agriculture activity,

stopped all forest harvesting, and re-stored all of our streams to their natural state, maybe salmon runs would return to their former levels within a century. However, the social and economic impact on the Pacific Northwest would be devastating. It is not likely that this will happen and do we really want it or is it necessary?

The critics say that hatchery salmon are genetically inferior and could harm wild salmon if they interbred with hatchery salmon. This is an unproven theory. The critics claim that hatchery fish cannot find food when they are released because they are used to being fed in a hatchery. They claim that hatchery fish spread diseases and put wild salmon at risk. They cite studies that show hatchery fish do not perform well when released and are not capable of spawning when they return. The problem is that these studies which are cited are based on faulty hatchery management and is not the result of the fish just being reared in a hatchery. The studies cited were based on salmon introduced into a hatchery from distant locations. The fish were not well adapted to the new site and

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the run timing was wrong. When hatcheries use local stocks and practice modern hatchery management, the fish are no different from the local stocks.

Most of the criticism is that hatchery salmon are genetically inferior and are not wild. If hatchery salmon stocks originate from local wild stocks, which most do, they cannot be distinguished from naturally reared salmon. They share the same diseases and have all the same traits as the local stocks. The only difference is that they are reared in a hatchery for a short time before being released to the ocean. Hatcheries avoid the limits of wild salmon for spawning space, food availability, floods, drought, and predators. Nearly 90% of wild salmon eggs and fry die before going to the ocean where in a hatchery nearly 90% survive. Once a hatchery smolt is released, it must learn to avoid predators, seek natural feed, and survive the challenges of the ocean. Natural selection assures that only those most fit for survival can survive. When it returns, is it not wild?

Returning hatchery salmon are sexually mature and can successfully reproduce whether they are spawned in a

hatchery or in the wild. This has been proven many times. If hatchery salmon are not genetically different from the local wild salmon, if they are wild when they return from the ocean and can spawn successfully, where is the problem? I am a believer that we can have our cake and eat it too. We should manage our salmon resources to allow for the optimum allowable escapement to spawn naturally (not exceeding the carrying capacity). We should improve the habitat as much as we can and remove those dams which are no longer needed. However, the hatcheries should use only local stocks and be managed to supplement the wild stocks. Avoid as much competition as possible with wild salmon, but keep the hatcheries operating. Maximize locations that do not compete with wild salmon, like the Young's Bay Project. This way we can maximize our returns to allow for more harvests. I think this is the best solution for keeping our salmon runs as healthy as possible and not disrupt the harvest. If properly managed, we should be able to expand our harvest of both wild and hatchery salmon."



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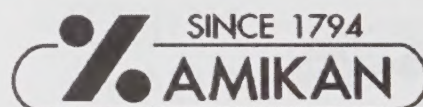
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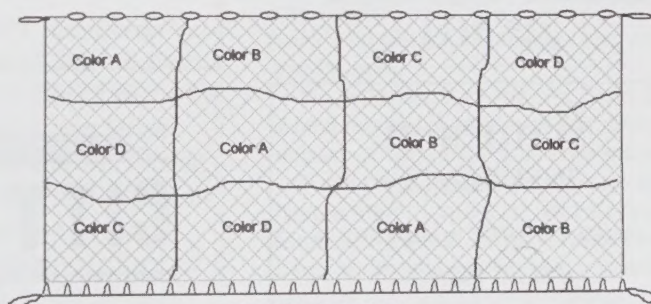
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NW OR STATE SENATOR APPOINTED TO POWER AND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Astoria and Columbia River based Joan Dukes has accepted a position on the important four-state agency. Upon confirmation by her fellow Senators, early in 2005, Dukes, from Sven-sen, will leave the Oregon Senate to join the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, formerly the Northwest Power Planning Council.



Dukes was the choice of Governor Ted Kulongoski to serve as one of Oregon's two representatives on the federal agency founded in 1980, to balance Bonneville Hydropower Production and Environmental Salmon Protection in the Columbia River.

Her long experience in the Oregon Senate and strong interest in Environmental and Salmon related issues, particularly on the Columbia River, make her an excellent choice. Dukes is known for her independent, collaborative attitude where partisan issues do not play a part.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCES INTEREST IN OPEN SENATE SEAT

Oregon State Representative Betsy Johnson, of Scappoose, has tossed her hat in the ring as a candidate for appointment to fill Joan Dukes Senate seat when that appointment to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council is confirmed and final.



Johnson has served House District #31, which runs along the Columbia River from Sauvie Island to Astoria, since first being elected in 2000. She was easily re-elected to a third term in November.

Johnson has served the district well and is known as a "no nonsense, roll up your sleeves type" hard worker being equally visible in the rural areas as well as the urban. She is a natural and deserving choice for the more prestigious Senate.

LEGISLATOR RESIGNS TAKES LIAISON POSITION

Six term Washington District 19 representative Brian Hatfield will be leaving that position to move to the office of Lieutenant Governor as legislative and community liaison. His ten year experience in the House will provide valuable insight into the economic development and community outreach responsibilities of his new job.

The process for finding a replacement for Hatfield begins in December when precinct committee officers from Pacific, Wahkiakum, Grays Harbor and Cowlitz counties gather. Ilwaco natives, later Cathlamet resident, and now Cowlitz County assessor, Dean Takko is the prime candidate at this point.



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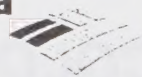
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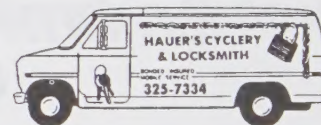
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GOVERNMENT FINDS \$15 FOR COLUMBIA DREDGING

President Bush makes good on campaign promise to free money for the controversial project.

The White House budget office asks Congress to shift 415 million from the Dep't. of Energy to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin deepening the Columbia River shipping channel. This would get the project started. Work on the \$150 million project is slated to begin in 2005 fiscal year and be completed by 2007.

The budget office made the request under a cover letter from Bush to Dennis Hastert, speaker of the house. The letter's request notes that "deepening the channel would allow these ports to operate more efficiently and accommodate up to date deep draft economical ocean going ships". This budget maneuver makes good on President Bush's promise to get the funds for start up of the controversial project.

Shortly after Bush took office in 2001 the budget office said it would not fund new corps projects. But the White House reversed course on the Columbia project with the president announcing the \$15 Million during a campaign visit to the Port of Portland.

The justification to deepen the Columbia is based on an economic analysis of \$1.66 return for every \$1.00 spent. But since the analysis two of the three major container lines have ended service to Portland. Critics have asked the Corps to revisit its economic analysis in light of the service cuts. But a spokesman said the corps has no plans to do so and called the cuts just "blips" in its long term projections.

EXXON LITIGATION UPDATE

Meeting at the Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle provides a positive tone for final Punitive payment in the near future

United States District Court judge H. Russel Holland decided after the most recent remand from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that a \$4.5 billion punitive award would not offend the Constitutions due process clause. Exxon has appealed from the decision while plaintiffs counsel has cross appealed asking that the circuit court confirm that the jury's full award of \$5 billion should be reinstated.

Interest continues to accrue from September 1996, when a final judgment was first entered, at 5.9%, compounded annually. Exxon lawyers have appealed most all decisions against the company, to the last minute possible, considering the profit gained on higher interest rates on their capital assets.

The plaintiffs expect the same panel of three judges from the Ninth Court will hear the appeal case. If either of the parties in the case is dissatisfied with the final ruling of the court, it may ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case. If that scenario occurs the Supreme Court, as they did last time, may decline, in which case whatever the Ninth Court decides will be the final decision. A decision is expected sometime in 2005.

On March 24, 1989, the Exxon Valdez grounded on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound and spilled some eleven million gallons of North Slope Crude Oil from the pipeline. Almost half of this huge spill, the largest in U.S. history, landed, on Sound beaches and the remainder flushed out, contaminating 1,500 miles of coastal lands and over 10,000 square miles of ocean, from Kodiak to Kenai.

This update meeting and financial planning workshop, at the Fish Expo was sponsored by the Oiled Regions of Alaska (ORA) Foundation.

Fears for wild salmon after one million fish escape from farms

By Paul Kelbie

Up to one million farmed salmon and sea trout escaped from their sea cages during the storms that ravaged Scotland the second week of January 2005, triggering fears that the country's remaining wild salmon stock could be wiped out.

Between 600,000 and a million farmed salmon and sea trout are believed to have escaped from cages which were ripped apart or sunk by 120mph winds and high seas.

Environmentalists fighting to secure tougher legislation governing fish farms are worried that the mass escape will have a detrimental affect on the remaining numbers of wild salmon in Scotland's rivers.

Last year, 55,000 wild salmon were caught in Scotland and there are a number of rivers now believed to have fewer than 100 native salmon left.

"This is a disaster for Scotland's royal fish which are already under pressure from pollution and sea lice infestations from farmed fish," said Bruce Sandison, of the Salmon Farm Protest Group, which has been campaigning for the Scottish Executive to force fish farmers to move their business out of the sea and into land-based containment tanks.

He added: "A species which has existed in Scottish waters for 10,000 years since the end of the last ice age is on the verge of extinction."

Opponents of fish farms have long worried that escaped salmon were breeding with native wild fish and destroying the natural gene pool which had been built up over centuries.

Many fear that such a sudden influx of up to one million escaped fish will tip the balance of nature as they compete with wild salmon for habitat and a finite food supply.

Fiona Cameron of the Sea Trout Group, which lobbies to minimise the adverse impact of fish farming on wild salmon and sea trout, said the escape could have a major impact on wild stocks. "If farmed fish go up salmon rivers they are likely to breed with wild salmon and the progeny will not be so successful," said Ms Cameron.

"Over time, the wild stock of a river could be completely wiped out as a result because each successive generation becomes less fit for the environment it finds itself in."

She added: "Wild salmon are specifically tailored for their environment."

LNG - Possible Local Liquid Natural Gas Terminal

By KATE RAMSAYER *The Daily Astorian*

Would it have an adverse effect on river environment and fishery programs? Calpine Corp. looks into building natural gas receiving terminal at mouth of Skipanon River...

A California-based energy company is hoping to build a \$500 million receiving terminal for liquefied natural gas in Warrenton, a facility planners say could supply the Pacific Northwest with the in-demand fossil fuel.

Port of Astoria commissioners will vote on whether to lease part of the port's property at the mouth of the Skipanon River to Calpine Corp., an energy company based in San Jose, Calif., that operates 91 power plants across North America and in the Unit-

ed Kingdom.

"It would be a facility that receives liquid natural gas off tanker ships, turns it back into natural gas and puts it back in the pipeline system, for use in the Pacific Northwest primarily," said Peter Hansen, Calpine's vice president for business development.

The project would consist of two cylindrical tanks, approximately 150 feet tall and 250 feet in diameter, a pier supporting pipes that would connect with the tanker ships delivering the liquid natural gas (LNG), a gasification facility that would warm up the LNG and convert it to natural gas, and an improved pipeline system to transport the fuel to Longview, Wash., where it

would become part of the general natural gas supply, Hansen said.

LNG shipments would probably come from Pacific Rim countries like Indonesia or Australia, where methane gas is cooled to minus-260 degrees Fahrenheit to turn it into a liquid. In this liquid form, natural gas is 600 times more compact than in its gas form, and therefore more practical to ship.

The liquid is loaded into refrigerated tanker ships, which can carry enough LNG to almost fill up one of the 42-million gallon silos proposed for the Warrenton terminal. The tankers would dock at Warrenton about twice a week, Hansen said, piloted by the bar pilots and escorted by tugboats and the U.S. Coast Guard.

"We chose Astoria, or Warrenton, because there is an area that's well suited for it," he said. "It is not close to large population centers, and it is close to a shipping channel that has the necessary depth to accommodate these tankers. The further upriver you go, the more issues you have with channel deepening and other navigational issues."

PORT Approves Lease

Signed lease does not guarantee terminal will be built; public comments split over building the project

Port of Astoria Commissioners voted unanimously to lease land at the tip of the Skipanon Peninsula to Calpine Corp., so that the California-based energy company can proceed with designs and the permitting process for a liquefied natural gas receiving terminal.



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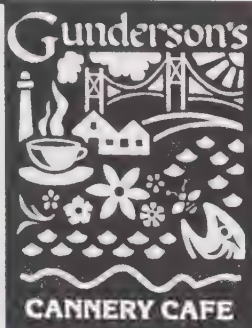
This poses a major problem for fall Gillnet fishing. Salmon For All conducting formal investigation.

The proposed listing under the Endangered Species Act, of the lower river Coho, by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries), formerly the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), will make it extremely difficult at the best end impossible at the worst for Gillnetters to successfully catch harvestable Coho. At the same time, making the possible scenario even worse, NOAA plans to expand the amount of Wild Fish that can be counted out of the Salmon Hatchery Policy.

Our Astoria based Salmon For All organization, that represents a broad range of Columbia River interests, including commercial fishermen and fish processors, is busy looking into all of the ramifications and situations to the fishery, that this new policy could involve. Many fishing oriented user groups are poised for litigation over

this latest federal curve ball". The Oregon and Washington state fish managers have already acknowledged this commercial fishing "flaw". They have no solution at this point.

Comments to the Science that NOAA is using, in support of these new policies, was due in November and the final report is in July, 2005. Salmon For All is building a legal fund with donations and pledges by fishermen, processors, and local business. The possibility of going to court is very real.



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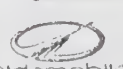
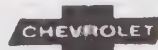
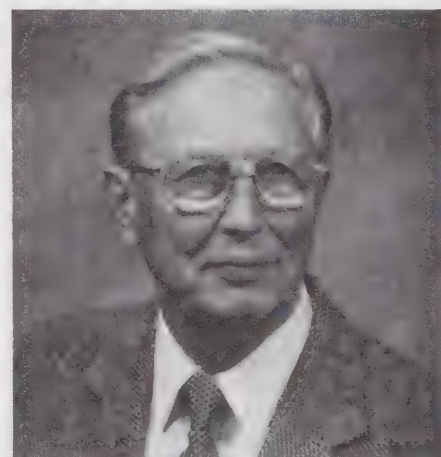
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U.S. Lawmakers Letter Lists Flaws They See in Federal Salmon Plan

A bipartisan group says it wants a draft revised to ensure self-sustaining and harvestable fish populations

A group of 102 Democrat and Republican congressmen are urging the president to revise the federal government's new salmon plan.

The plan says dams do not pose a threat to the existence of salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia River.

The group sent a letter to President Bush this week outlining their concerns.

"For too long we have treated the Columbia River and its tributaries like a machine," said U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., in a statement, "We can no longer enact policies that result in the status quo for the river and the fish and wildlife species that inhabit it."

The letter said the government had lowered its goal from recovery of the fish runs to merely preventing extinction.

A biological opinion released by the government states that dams will not threaten salmon and steelhead runs as long as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers follows through on a plan to install salmon-passing weirs at each dam. The devices will cost \$6 billion over the next 10 years.

The draft opinion does not ensure self-sustaining and harvestable fish populations, the letter says.

"Rather than settle for a biological

opinion that redefines the problem instead of fixes it, we urge you to direct federal agencies to revise this draft to ensure significant recovery of salmon and steelhead, the letter reads.

Lawmakers who have signed the letter include Tom Petri, R-Wis.; Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.; Christopher Shays, R-Conn.; and Jim McDermott, D-Wash. The House has 435 members.

The letter also highlights the economic benefits of healthy salmon and steelhead runs. The salmon fishing industry brings about \$3 billion to Northwest communities each year, the lawmakers claim in the letter judge James Redden of Portland found the government's 2000 biological opinion and salmon recovery plan to be illegal, saying officials could not reasonably ensure the recovery actions they outlined would occur.

That opinion found the dams to be a threat to the continued existence and recovery of the fish. It outlined hundreds of measures, from hatchery reform to habitat restoration, that needed to take place to mitigate for the number of fish killed by the dams.

Although the 2000 plan did not call for breaching four dams on the lower Snake River, it did say breaching should be considered if the other measures fell short of saving the fish. The new plan includes no breaching provisions.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION PANEL SUGGESTED

John Devens, executive director of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council, has given the Puget Sound task force, looking into the 1,000 gallon October oil spill that tainted Vashon Island, this advice; "don't wait for a big spill to get organized."

Devens was mayor of Valdez in 1989 when the Exxon Valdez with Captain Joe Hazelwood in charge ran into Bligh Reef and lost the majority of its load of north slope crude into pristine Prince William Sound.

Devens and others who lived through the debacle told the task force it should get the legislature or congress to form a citizen run group, to keep an eye on spill prevention. The Valdez council has helped make that community one of the safest ports in the country.

COLUMBIA DEEPENING SHORT MONEY

The United States Congress appropriated only \$9 million, in its year ending Spending Bill for the Columbia River Shipping Channel Deepening Project, 6 million short of the \$15 million that the Corps of Engineers says is needed just to start. President Bush had promised that figure in an August campaign speech in Portland.

In light of the shortfall the \$150 million project is again in jeopardy Corps officials in Portland said they will have to reassess its status. As a cost saving measure the corps had planned to begin deepening the 40 foot channel by three feet at the same time it performed routine maintenance dredging.



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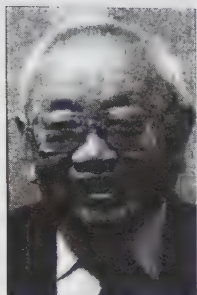
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Duncan Law Honored For Commitment To Seafood



Long time seafood advocate Professor Duncan Law, 84, was honored recently, at the Seafood Consumer Center dining room adjacent to the Oregon State University Seafood Laboratory facility in Astoria.

Former Congressman Les AuCoin joined Law's family, friends, and former colleagues at a reception and dinner in tribute to Law's untiring efforts to build the Seafood Education Center as a way to increase the consumption of seafood. AuCoin presented Law with a plaque honoring him for his enthusiasm, vision, and commitment, said Donna Stone, director of the center.

With help from the late Bud Forrester, then editor and publisher of the Daily Astorian, and with some political muscle from AuCoin, Law was able to procure funding to begin his dream project. Others who agreed with the vision joined Law over the years to ensure the center's birth. It opened in the Fall of 1998, added a full-time chef the next year and has continued since that time to educate consumers and food professionals about how to purchase and prepare seafood of all kinds, besides providing a banquet facility for Clatsop County.

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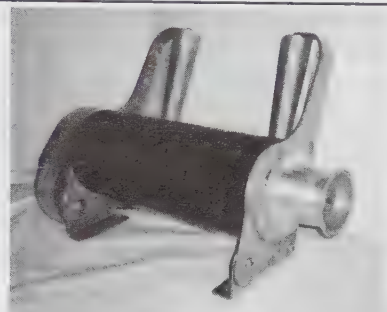
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JUDGE ORDERS DELAY IN SNAKE DREDGING

Ruling for a group backing removal of dams indicates an environmental impact study must be done

Spurred by concerns for threatened Salmon, a federal judge in Seattle has blocked a Snake River dredging project from going forward in Eastern Washington and Idaho.

The Corps of Engineers planned to dredge sediment to maintain the navigational channel for barges that carry crops and other cargo. Shipping companies said that without dredging, the channel will become dangerously shallow and prevent barges from safely carrying full loads.

US District Judge Robert Lasnik granted a preliminary injunction. The order halts dredging until a full environmental impact study is completed, which Lasnik said federal law requires. Lasnik concluded that potential economic harms and safety risks from delayed dredging are important but do not outweigh the possibility of irreparable environmental harm. The ruling came two years after the same judge blocked a Corps of Engineers long term dredging program that failed to provide legally required protection for threatened Chinook Salmon and Steelhead.

The lawsuit is part of a larger campaign by the National Wildlife Federation and other conservation groups seeking the removal of four dams on the lower Snake. The coalition advocates that dam removal as the surest way to rebuild endangered Salmon on the river. The NWF statement indicates that this ruling provides an opportunity to step back and ask whether this barge transport system is worth its high cost to the region in terms of dollars and in terms of dead Salmon.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, the agency responsible for threatened and endangered Salmon, is in the midst of working out a court ordered plan for minimizing the destructive effects of federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers. But the agency gave the green light to this project, concluding that it would not jeopardize listed Salmon and Steelhead.

Conservation groups challenged that conclusion in the lawsuit.

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Salmon advocates blast federal plan to restore runs

Revised biological opinion eliminates option of dam removal, sets off protest in Oregon

Salmon advocates in September damned a new federal plan that eliminated the option of removing four dams in the Columbia River basin in an effort to restore Pacific Northwest fish runs.

The plan was a marked change from years past, when breaching four dams on the Lower Snake River was acknowledged as a possibility, even if it never became federal policy.

"This plan has gone from bad to worse, ensuring the demise of salmon instead of the long-term recovery that NOAA was charged with delivering," National Wildlife Federation spokesman John Kober said in a press release. The dams, he says, impede salmon movement up and down the river system.

NMFS delivered the draft biological opinion - a revision mandated by the U.S. District Court in Portland more than a year ago - to the same court on Sept. 9. But immediately before that, salmon advocacy groups and Indian tribes staged a protest in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 8.

More than 400 business leaders objected to the plan, according to the Save Our Wild Salmon organization, instead urging support for HR 1097, the Salmon Planning Act, which would call for fiscal and environmental studies about dam removals.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals delivered another blow to salmon advocates in early October. The court upheld a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decision to continue operating the four Lower Snake River hydroelectric dams. The court found the agency in compliance with Clean Water Act standards, maintaining water temperatures are low enough for salmon's survival.

DAMS WON'T HARM SALMON FISHERIES STUDY CONCLUDES

Federal proposal for Endangered Salmon will rely on structural improvements at dams to aid fish passage, predator control, and habitat improvements.

The three federal agencies that run the hydrosystem in the Pacific Northwest-the Bonneville Power Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation-released in September the federal governments new draft plan for Salmon in the Columbia River Basin. The draft plan biological opinion proposes a 10 year operation plan for the federal hydropower system and associated non-hydro measures to protect salmon populations.

The new policy responds to a decision by U.S. District Judge James Redden that

the 2000 Biological Opinion did not adequately guarantee proper salmon protections and implementation. The federal agencies believe the new draft opinion properly addresses those weaknesses.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) released its analysis of the plan, concluding that the proposal which takes the removal of the four dams on the lower Snake River out of consideration will not jeopardize the continued existence of 12 populations of salmon and steelhead now under protection in the basin, NOAA Fisheries based its "no jeopardy" opinion on improved operations of the dams in the future with structural additions to aid juvenile salmon passage, efforts to substantially reduce predation on young salmon by pikeminnow and bird predation in the estuary, and by habitat improvements in the lower river.

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REMEMBERING NORTHSHORE

By Bill Gunderson

Editor's note: this is the second installment of a 3 part story about "Northshore" and about the Gunderson family. Bill Gunderson tells the story as he lived it and as he remembers being told by his father and grandfather. Bill is part of a four generation gillnetting family which is made up of his grandfather, father, himself, his son and two daughters...

My grandparents, Ole and Rosa Gunderson had four children; Arthur, Gearhart, William and Daphne. My father, Bill, the youngest of the three sons, was born in late December 1904, just shy of the 100 year anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery arriving at this section of the Columbia River where Ole and Rosa and the children made their home.

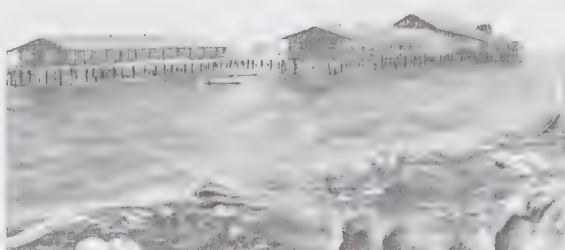
No one knows for certain exactly where along the 2-3 mile stretch of Washington shoreline that they landed and were storm-bound by a venerable November Southwest storm of many days duration. Some say that the Corpsmen found refuge from the gale around the corner of Point Ellice, which later was given the name "Hungry Harbor" by a group of gillnetters who were also storm-bound there over a 100 years later.

We'll leave the guessing about the actual location to the historians. Even so, those who are familiar with Northshore say that the Corps could have found a safe spot along the shore around the point of land that years later made Northshore a good place to build a salmon cannery. During three fierce November storms, I have personally driven across the Astoria-Megler Bridge

and along the highway to the corner point where the highway turns north in order to investigate what would be a quiet, safe moorage if one was needed, and this location was the only one I found.

This corner point once was the location of the Knappton Lumber Mill. The Mill was constructed on this site because of at least one of the factors a wary fisherman valued: protection from ferocious southwest winter gales.

The local Chinook Indians certainly



This is a painting of the three main buildings on pilings of the old Kinney cannery at Northshore.

Photo courtesy John Vlastelicia

spent a lot of time on the North shoreline of the River. There were relics of past Indian activity, even during my growing up years. I recall finding small purses and bags filled with arrowheads and my Dad told of a large hillside cave in the area, which had long since been covered over by a landslide, located next to one of the creeks that ran down the hill and spilled into the Columbia. My Dad told me that he and his siblings found many arrowheads in and around the cave before its collapse.

There were three salmon spawning streams near my Grandfather's house

behind the Kinney Cannery in this area of beachfront. These streams supported a very healthy fishery even up to the early 1940's. I am certain that the creeks were filled with spawning salmon where the Corps passed by.

Today, these creeks are no longer available to salmon. When the highway that cuts along Northshore was built in the 1960's, (and even if there were a few salmon who returned to the area to spawn) the culverts that were constructed to support the flow of water under and around the highway were constructed so high as to make access to the streams impossible.

The runs from the streams were mainly Chum salmon. I recall my Grandfather's smokehouse would come alive in the fall. It was working fall time during October and November. He had a collie named Laddie who I watched jump into the creeks chasing the chums, like an Alaska bear. He would drive them up the creek side where my Grandpa would pitch them into his wheelbarrow. He would then clean

and salt the fish and then hang them in his wonderful smokehouse on the hillside behind the family home.

Once the smoking had been completed, my Grandfather would remove the smoked salmon and place them in large, white flour bags and then transport them to the house, where he would hang the sacks on hooks in the attic to protect them and keep them dry. After all these years, I still clearly recall the smell of smoked fish and cedar in Grandpa Ole and Grandma Rosa's home. It was remarkable.

I don't know exactly when the original Kinney Cannery was built at Northshore; possibly it was in the 1880's or 1890's, if

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not a bit earlier. I have read that the first cannery on the River was built around 1866. The first modern gillnet on the Columbia River, from all available



Cir. 1940—Bill Gunderson Family on the Beach at Northshore. From Left to right: sisters Sonja and Karen, parents Bill and Letty, and author Bill Gunderson Jr.

records, was used by a fisherman by the name of Hodgkins who relocated from Bath, Maine and began fishing our area in 1853. By 1915, the number of gillnetters had grown to 2,800.

To support the fishing industry, a number of small canneries were located along the River at locations like Northshore, Pillar Rock and Clifton and they were operated mainly in the spring and summer months, salting and chumming fish. In 1883, these small canneries numbered 39. The salmon then were of the best quality and the market was also very limited.

My Grandfather, two Uncles and my Dad all became fisherman. By the time I was 10 years old and started fishing with my Dad, my Grandpa was in the process of ending his fishing career. I do recall, however, being in the boat with both of them, which was a thrill. The boat was powered by the highly rated 6 horse power single cylinder Hicks engine. My father was so proud! Shortly thereafter, my Grandfather fell ill and moved to Astoria to live with his daughter, my Aunt Daphne Scott and her family.

Northshore no longer had cannery at the time of my active entry into the fishery. The old Kinney Cannery had become, as had many of the other canneries along the River, a delivery station. Salmon were delivered to these

stations, picked up by fish launches and brought to large processing plants in Astoria.

But, despite the absence of the Cannery, Northshore Station was far more than just a delivery station, even though the number of people who lived in the area diminished over time. Dad said there were 50 families living there when the Cannery was operating. By the 1940's, there were perhaps a dozen year-round residents and only a few families in the area. For the most part, the area was the home to single men who fished year round out of the station.

However, in August of each year, the landscape changed dramatically. The station became a virtual beehive of 24-hour activity, reflecting human vitality and energy focused on catching and processing salmon for food. August had become the main season for fall Chinook salmon. The run would just be entering the Columbia River around the first of the month and usually remained in the lower River for about 4-6 weeks. So, the fishermen moved to intercept the salmon at the lower River before they moved further upriver. It was a real gathering of people. The population exploded. The doors to the old houses in the woods above the old cannery were opened, stoves fired up and brooms when to work.

Northshore also had 2 large buildings, known at bunkhouses, designed to house fishermen and their families. The majority of the people who lived in these dwellings came from the community of Clifton, Oregon and some from Astoria and Portland as well. In earlier days, these bunkhouses were mostly for single men and women employees of the cannery, but as the cannery ceased its operation and the

population of workers at the receiving station dwindled, the bunkhouses became primarily occupied by fishing families from Clifton who spent August and into the fall fishing Season.

The fishermen arrived first, bearing

food and household items and their big mesh nets and other gear. The women and families followed a few days later, usually by train from their Clifton homes, traveling to Astoria and then crossing the River on the Megler Ferry. Three toots of the Ferry told those at Northshore that someone needed a ride to the cannery. There was a trail from the ferry landing through the steep up and down hillside. A telephone line ran along the trail to the cannery, but few people elected to walk the rugged pathway.

Each arrival was a happy event; many tears were shed in welcome. One could compare this to a month at a summer



Cir. 1948—Abbie and Janice Ihander at the Gunderson Northshore homestead. Cliff Point is showing behind the house left.

camp - actually this was what it was like, but so much more. There were picnics on the beach, bonfires, trout fishing, swimming, rowing and exploring in skiffs. More important, adults and growing kids were able to share the joys of good living. Dads and moms recognized the importance of helping their children prepare to carry on the fishing tradition by learning and practicing the skills of netmaking, gear use and boat operation and repair and this time together offered that opportunity. Some of the lucky children were even invited to participate in the actual practice of gillnetting. At the end of each season, families left Northshore with ties strengthened and memories to last a lifetime.

End of part 2. Next - Remembrances of the August Season and of Special People.



Cir. 1938—Uncle Art Gunderson at Northshore

MYSTERY PHOTOS



We received several communications about our two Mystery Photos on page 20 of last Summers edition of The Gillnetter.

1. The old boat shown on the trailer and alongside Willie Haglunds floathouse at Tongue Point in 1940 belonged to Joseph Fornas. His grandson Bill Fornas tells us that it had no power other than the oars and was

built prior to 1930. It was used for fishing and hunting by the Fornas's, including Bills dad. The photo here was taken by Bob Oja sometime later at Fernhill as it languished away in an old shed. We are still looking for further information as to who built the craft. It is being rebuilt so perhaps we will have another picture of the boat in the future.

2. The other boat shown was Jack Fowlers new Gillnetter being built in Gary Viuhkala's shop in Mayger-Quincy: Identified in front of the boat from left to right are Ross Lindstrom, Gary Marincovich, Gary Viuhkala, 5th Dale Leino, and 7th & 8th Greg & Jack Fowler, Circa 1973



Can you identify this gillnet boat and its captain? Artist rendition of the boat shown running between Point Ellice and Puget island, on the Columbia River.



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Can you put names to the faces? Why is everybody so happy? It must have been a good season or perhaps they just got out of prison!

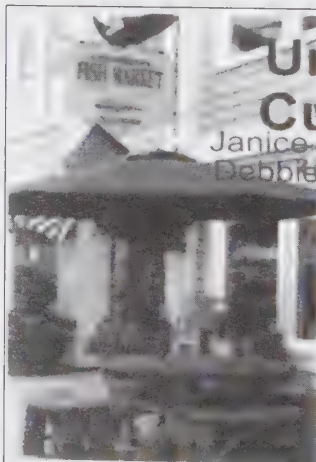


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Thirtieth Birthday for CEDC Fisheries

*Tod Jones, Project Manager
CEDC Fisheries*

2005 will mark the thirtieth year of operations for CEDC Fisheries. The early trials of rearing coho fingerlings in the Vanderveldt ponds, progressing to experimenting with floating net pens in Youngs Bay provided strong evidence that biologically, the program could work. Many volunteers, folks I have never personally met or even heard of, in some way or another made the project work. Nearly every month or so I hear a new story about what a group of fishermen or others did years ago and how this or that person lobbied the legislature or petitioned the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. It has truly been an endless progression of community involvement that has pushed the policy works, politicians and bureaucrats. When I think about where we are today and what our challenges are, it seems it is no different than twenty or thirty years ago; just the numbers of fish have changed, the species mix a little different and the human faces new.

Though many people have worked for the project it has, and continues to have, a great deal of stability. Our newest employee joined us nine years ago, and our longest-standing employee has seen twenty-three years with us. I can understand why. If I had to do it all over again, I would have chosen the same profession, worked with the same kind of people, and made the same mistakes while sharing in the successes. Growing fish must be a blood disease; it just never goes away!

This year saw a particularly interesting twist. Anticipating a run size similar to 2003, we were dismayed to see the coho and fall chinook (SABs) fall well below their projected returns. We can trace some of the problems to events two years ago with the coho in Blind Slough, but no logical reason for declines in run strength in Youngs Bay and Tongue

Point. An outbreak of Ich in the SABs released from the brood stock release site may be why those fish returned in lower numbers. If that is the reason, we expect another year like this one in 2005. Coho jacks were abundant this year, so we have greater expectations for them next fall.

This will mark the third year since my arrival that we have been provided information on the harvest directly from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This allows us to audit the project as to how many licensed gillnetters participate in the harvest in the select areas, and what the value of the catch is. Understandably, we



Alan Dietrich; feeding time at Klaskanine pond

As you all know prices were returning to "normal", which definitely helped. We are hearing that next year may be even better, but much will have to do with how the cold-storage supplies are depleted this winter and spring.

cannot divulge any information that singles out a particular fisherman or buyer, as that would be a breach of confidentiality. It does tell us, however, that several fishermen declined to participate in the "voluntary assessment" program.



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Usually less than ten percent of our operating budget comes from the voluntary assessment, but without it we would not meet the match requirement by the state Restoration & Enhancement Board or the legislature that provides a direct appropriation to the project. In 2002 only 55 percent of the fishermen who landed fish in the select areas participated in the assessment. 2003 improved in terms of the percent of fishermen participating and in the total income. Unfortunately, 2004 does not look like we are maintaining. In 2003 we had a buyer that bought fish without paying the assessment, even though in some cases money was withheld from the fishermen. As the buyer was from out-of-state, no legal action can be taken to recover those dollars. This year a new buyer came into Youngs Bay and was the

first to send a check to us. We hope any other aspiring groups will do the same.

Ultimately, much of the control over the voluntary assessment is in the hands of the fishermen. If they insist on participating at the point of sale, the processors will most likely reciprocate by matching their contribution. We enjoy the moral and financial support from the majority of the fleet and hope those that see the benefit of supporting the program at this level will have a positive influence on those that are reluctant.

We look forward to the new season for an abundance of high quality springers to launch 2005 on a high note. We hope for and expect a great year.

Tod Jones

CEDC Fisheries CEDC Loses Acclimation Coho

Last winter NOAA Fisheries made the decision unilaterally to discontinue providing the select area fisheries with the one million acclimation coho smolts received annually from Eagle Creek Hatchery. This decision was made in order to provide upriver tribal hatcheries with fish, a move that had been hinted at for some time. Several fishermen made calls to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and to our state legislators in an attempt to find replacement fish from state hatcheries. So far this effort has not succeeded in finding even a partial replacement of the

lost fish. The state has promised that the process will continue but we have lost one year class already. Nearly one million eyed eggs were destroyed at the Eagle Creek Hatchery last January.

Recently we have been informed that the 1.2 million eggs that Eagle Creek has on hand are not going to be used by the tribes this year, and we have a short period of time to find the funding (\$400,000) to rear them to smolts and truck them in the spring of 2006 to the net pens.

We have contacted Congressman Wu's office and state officials, and at this writing it is not known if we will be able to come up with any or a part of that amount before the eggs have to be dumped. There is a possibility that unspent FY 2004 funds may be available. Congressman Norm Dicks from Washington is supposedly in control of an undisclosed amount of federal dollars, some of which may be available for Eagle Creek Hatchery.

CEDC Fisheries Says "THANKS"

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Gillnetter's Daughter

by Gladys Goska Halsan

When I was about eight years old I went in the gillnet boat with my father, Joe Goska. How great to be considered to be big enough to go gillnetting. Dad's drift right was Snag Island or Brownsport Drift. After waiting at the towhead for two other fishermen to lay out it was our turn. This was in the "linen net era" and this net was a diver with an apron attached to the cork line and 6 foot cotton 64 strings" attaching it to the lead line.

As my father left the towhead he ran for a distance toward Kaboth Sands. He turned the boat and dropped the lighted, elongated buoy into the water and layed out the net. "Dad, how do you know when to start putting out the net? How do you know out here in the middle of all this water?" His answer was something like this, "Well, you see that hill over there? That's Washington. Then you line up that snag on that hill with that evergreen tree and that snag on the sand." Then he turned and pointed to the hill behind Svensen Island and told me that was Oregon and asked, "You see that buoy?" "Oh," I couldn't learn this in a hundred years. Distance over the water can be very deceptive. He told about timing the run at so many rpm. The current could have carried the boat off course (downstream), so lining up the landmarks was important!

Soon all of the diver net was in the water and the outgoing current briskly carried us past North Island. (It is no longer visible except on GPS maps.) Not in reality. Then past Green Island. Now it was time to open the lunch

basket! My challenge was to pour Dad a hot cup of coffee from his thermos while the boat was rocking. We were leaning on each side of the stem behind the cabin. Finally, he held the cup at arm's length and hung on to the coaming and I held on to the coaming on my side and poured the coffee. In his estimation the river wasn't rough—"just a little choppy." I know I didn't want to see it rough!!!

During the time that we were drifting, my father shared many events from his past. He was born in South Dakota, but lived during his youth in

North Portland in the Polish community where his father had acreage and a cow, some goats, chickens, ducks, and a garden with berries. When he was a little boy the streets were planks-10 or 12 cars in that part of Portland and the fire engine was drawn by horses!!!

What wonderful mental images he drew in my mind of "Portland when it



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*Gladys Ann Goska Halsan
and Dad Joe Goska 1957*

was a pup". (That was one of his favorite expressions.) His mother had passed away and his father worked long hours for the Southern Pacific Railroad. His brother, Stanley, who was eight years older, had the responsibility of making sure Joseph and his

little brother, John, went to school. If there was good fishing nearby the boys walked in the front door of the school and then the two little brothers went out the back door to pick up their fishing poles. Older brother Stanley became a steamfitter.

In addition to childhood stories he also told me he had fished floaters for a few years in the area of The McGowans Church. Reno Raihala fished with him but he assured me that they didn't fish any of those "flying ebbs!" That was too dangerous in those days without enough power. Many men who fished those tides lost their nets. Sometimes their lives. Those big tides are in a hurry to empty into the ocean. "The Columbia River is powerful and must be respected!"

After drifting for an hour or more he said that it was time to "pick-up". Now with my life jacket tied securely I went from the stern to the bow of the boat where my father pulled up his hip boots, put on his rubber apron and cotton gloves.

Then he leaned over the side of the boat and dipped water from the river into a bucket to swab the net room and the fish locker so fish slime wouldn't adhere to the wooden hull. Soon he retrieved the buoy and began picking up the net. I could see the silhouette of Tongue Point in the distance as he finished picking up the net.

I can't remember how many fish we had but we went to the CRPA receiving scow where we were greeted by Carl Johnson, the fish receiver, whom I had met.

He rode the train from his permanent home in Portland to Knappa and my father took him to the CRPA scow where he lived until the end of the fishing season.

There were several receiving scows at North Island, among them Union (Mr.

Neimela) and in later years, Barbey. Upon several occasions we went to Ka-both Seining Grounds to visit the Roscoe Miles family. How everyone talked about fishing. We watched the men on the sand stand behind a team of large horses as they worked to bring the seining net into a circle.

After my first gillnetting trip, I listened more carefully at the breakfast table when my father had been fishing during the night. Sometimes he got "skunked", sometimes he caught a few, sometimes a lot. Getting "skunked" wasn't going to pay for my education.

Many mornings I would notice his gillnet boat was moored at the end of the net rack. That meant the net had to be racked that day. All hands were needed to help! Several times the net was bunched with sagebrush, tumbleweeds, or moss. How he hoped to find Phillip Johnson at home so he could help. He liked Phillip as he understood what had to be done. Many times the net had to be racked because it had been snagged. Hours were spent mending the snag with net needles filled with the proper twine and a good sharp knife. Every gillnetter had a good sharp knife and always carried a Tide Table even to church on Sunday.

The men who owned "drift rights" helped with the snag scow, diver and oxygen tanks. One of the divers placed his helmet on my head and shoulders - how everyone laughed. I was so delighted to momentarily look through that little mesh covered window in that shiny brass helmet! This was expensive and time consuming, but absolutely necessary to keep the diver "drift" clear of snags.

Many times during the years of fishing with a linen diver net my father had to put the net in the bluestone tank. The bluestone was to disinfect the web and cotton lines from bacteria that caused those natural fibers to rot and disintegrate. New synthetic materials for nets, such as nylon, do not require bluestone. After the net had soaked in the bluestone it had to be rinsed, racked, dried and stored. The bluestone tank had to be cleaned and scrubbed with a stiff-bristled small broom. When it had been pumped and clean water filled the tank, my father and mother taught me to swim in them. My own private swimming pool!

During World War II my father joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary to be watchful and protect the waters and

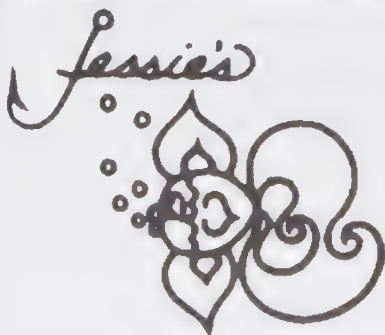
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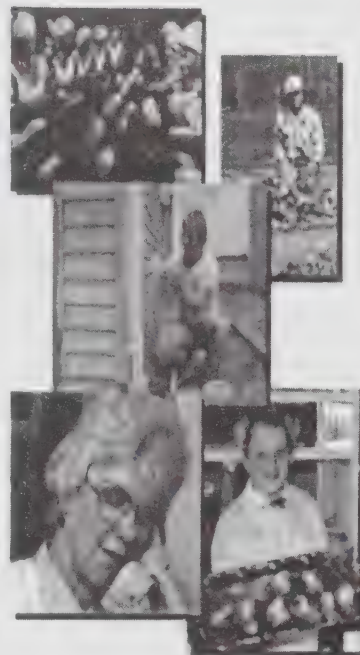
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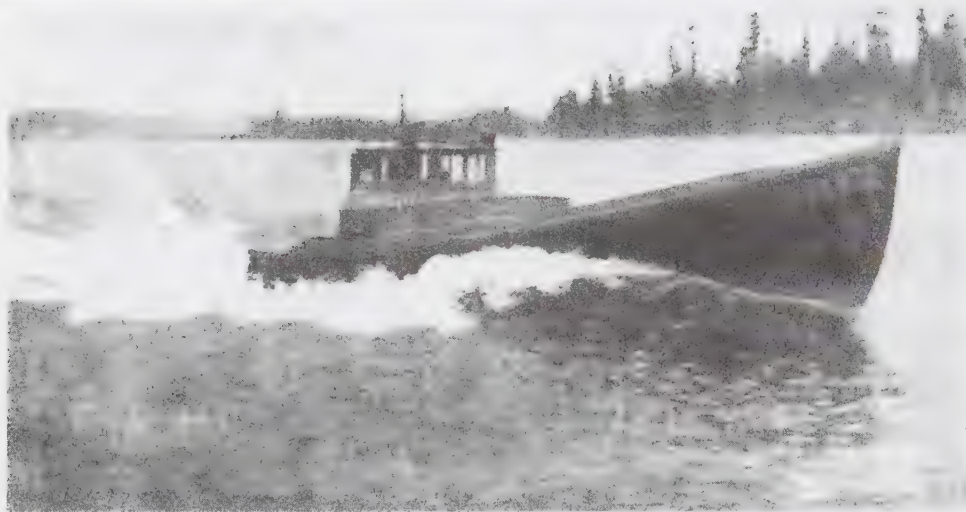


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shores of the Columbia River. Many of the men from the Snag Island Drift and other adjoining fishing areas Willie & Reno Raihala, Wm Westerholm, Bill Puustinen, Oliver Dunsmore, George Carlson, Armas Penttila, John Haglund, Henning Lundquist, Carl Pier-son, Emil Yaakola, and Bob Takalo to name a few, attended meetings in which the auxiliary members were given instructions. Dad's patriotic

feelings were called to our attention throughout those war years when he listened to the news reports on the radio (no T.V. yet) and told of relatives and neighbors who wrote home from both war fronts we often sat at home, in the evenings, with the curtains pulled tight so no light could "escape" to warn a possible enemy.

After the summer fishing season was

over it was with great enthusiasm that my father prepared the gillnet boat for the Astoria Regatta Gillnet Boat Races. There were monetary prizes as well as usefull fishing items which many generous Astoria merchants gave to the winners. The boat was sanded and painted and the engine "tuned up." Relatives came from Portland to stay with us on the houseboat during Regatta week.

My cousins and my mother's sister shared in the excitement of the raves. In Astoria we met many enthused friend and well-wishers as the two day racing events took place. My father won many of those races and lost a couple, but he always stressed "what fun he had." After winning a sou'wester end rain jacket from one of the merchants he made sure he told how he had acquired such a neat outfit. The "papers" of netting he won were a very welcomed gift also. That meant he would have a new net next year after a winters work of "hanging" the new web on the lines.

One fall my father had been fishing on opening day and began to pitch his catch out of the boat into a box on the scale of the receiving scow. He

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stopped, for a second and asked the receiver what the cannery was paying. He reaped 2.5 cents per lb. Dad stepped off his boat and pitched his fish back into the boat and said "he wouldn't sell for that price". It was the principle of selling those hard earned "tully's" that cheap. He took those fish home and he and my mother telephoned friends and asked that they help spread the word that there were free fish at Joe Goska's. "Free fish" spread quickly. All day people came with gunny sacks and to show appreciation they brought vegetables from their gardens. Later my mother canned beets, beets, and more beets. Uncle John's smokehouse was full as were many smokehouses around the area. Later many folks who raised livestock for food, during those hard times, would bring us a beef roast or a chicken. What a wonderful spirit among friends who thought so dearly of each others willingness to give.

Each of the experiences that I have mentioned had in some way influenced the way in which I wanted to live my

life. Although, as we drifted and expressed our celebration of a wonderful life, Dad told me that he aspired to an easier surer way for me to earn a living. The "key" was education. His work was "back breaking" at times and I learned to appreciate the work he did to earn us a living.

When I went to college the girls in the dormitory shared stories of their backgrounds. It became apparent that I had led a remarkably unique life as a Gillnetter's daughter. My fathers en-

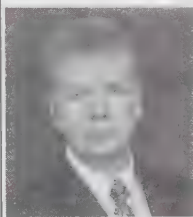
thusiasm and dedication were very influential in shaping many of the qualities which I have used in my adult life.

Editors note: Gladys Goska Halsen remembers the trials and tribulations of a girl growing up, along the Columbia River, as a Gillnetters daughter. Gladys lives today in the same, remodeled, home that she grew up in, on the water front, in Knappa, Oregon.

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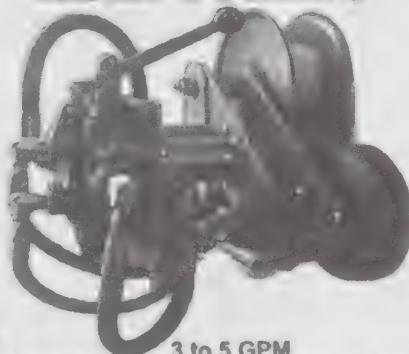
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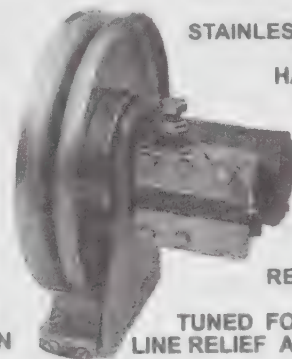


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FISHERS RALLY TO RAP FEDS ON SALMON PROTECTION



CRFPU President Gary Soderstrom and Bruce Tolonen at the Save Our Wild Salmon rally in Portland in last September, Erin Barnes from S.O.W.S. looks on.

Portland rally brings sport and commercial interests together as Fishermen flooded the streets and waterways of Portland in a rally to highlight the importance of salmon and other fish in the Columbia River.

Commercial, sport and tribal fishermen joined together to protest federal policies such as cuts in spill over dams that they say are harming salmon runs.

A long line of sportfishermen made

their way down Interstate 5 to Holladay Park, where they met with a fleet of commercial fishermen who had come by boat up the Willamette River.

"The idea is to get this message out to the public and to the federal government," said Jon Westerholm of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union. Westerholm gave a speech at the rally, where he estimated that 500 or 600 people were gathered.

"I made the statement that 'So goes salmon, so goes us.'

We need to plan for future generations."

"Salmon have been a part of the Northwest fabric for many centuries and continue to be an important symbol of the Northwest," U.S. Rep. David Wu said in a statement. "Restoration of healthy salmon runs is a priority for our region. Unfortunately, this administration seems content to simply redefine the problem away."

The rally was a chance for fishermen to express their displeasure at policies

like the federal salmon plan expected to be released today that fishermen and environmental groups have already decried.

"They're dragging their heels, the federal government is," said Westerholm, citing NOAA fisheries in particular. "They're supposed to be watching after our fish ... and here they are going along with power interests. We don't think they're doing their job properly." Westerholm said he hoped that the rally would convince agencies to adopt more fish-friendly policies.

The rally was capped off by a barbecue of upriver bright salmon sponsored by the intertribal fish commission.

The next step, said Westerholm, is a letter-writing campaign to urge representatives to co-sponsor a salmon planning act.

The rally was sponsored by the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, Salmon for All, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and Trout Unlimited.



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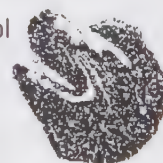
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He said, "It hasn't been too hot,
They can't get past the commercial guys
Before they all are caught!"

Now I've done this most of my life
And I really love it so.
But if things don't improve real soon,
I'll need someplace else to go.

There's such a sense of accomplishment
To serve up a salmon caught by me.
But a far more bountiful harvest
Is what I'd really like to see.

Well he was packing up his gear
And he said as he picked up his pole,
"You know this is where I find peace,
And how, I soothe my soul."

Then one day I was down at the docks
Admiring the trollers and gillnet boats.
I got to talking to some of the guys
About all their dreams and hopes.

One said, "they're giving all the fish to the sports,
And I'm in way too deep.
Financially and emotionally I'm stuck,
Though I can hardly make ends meet.

It's fulfilling to make it on my own,
And feed my family with my own hands
But Lord, we need more time to fish,
To keep my boat off financial sands!

Now I love this way of life,
Been doing it since I was a kid.
But if things don't change real soon,
I'll give a job another bid.

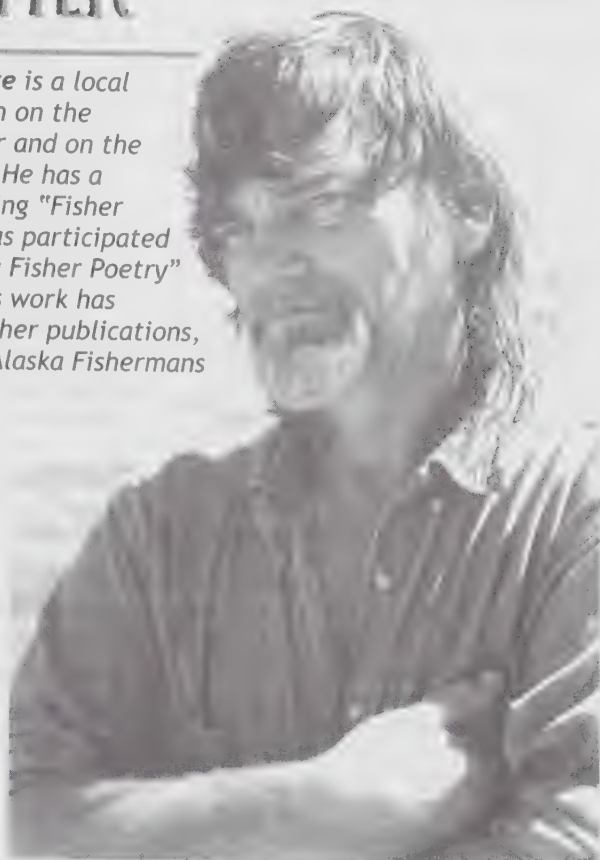
Yeah, I once tried working in town
But I never felt quite whole.
No, this is where I find peace,
And how I soothe my soul.

It struck me as kind of strange
That sport and commercial felt the same,
Yet we're both so damn ready
To hand the other guy the blame.

Maybe if we worked together to control
Those who claim to know how to manage fish,
Then a far stronger, prosperous harvest,
Would be more than just a wish.

Dave Densmore

Dave Densmore is a local fisherman both on the Columbia River and on the Pacific Ocean. He has a knack for writing "Fisher Poetry" and has participated in the "Astoria Fisher Poetry" gatherings. His work has appeared in other publications, including the Alaska Fishermen's Journal.



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Oregon threatens to sue over salmon

On January 18, 2005, the State of Oregon, US, has formally warned the federal government that it intends to sue over the biological opinion for the Columbia river dam.

In a letter sent by Attorney General Hardy Myers, Oregon has given the US Bureau of Reclamation, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Bonneville Power Administration a 60 day warning to change their current policy or face a lawsuit.

A federal judge decided that the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration's (NOAA) 2000 biological opinion failed to ensure that salmon in the river would be protected, so a new one was produced last year.

The 2004 opinion concluded that dams are part of the landscape and should not be considered a threat to fish. Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski is not satisfied with the change in policy, and wants the government to make a greater commitment to restoring healthy runs. Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) a federal agency must not take actions that will jeopardise the continued existence of an endangered or

threatened species.

"The Columbia river hydro system is an asset to Oregon and the greatest source of electricity in the region. But abundant salmon is also critical to our economy and our Native tribes. It is wrong to assume we have to sacrifice salmon for power. We can have stable and predictable electrical power - and plentiful salmon," said the Governor in his State of the State speech on 10 January 2005, according to the State of Oregon website.

"The 2004 Biological Opinion claims that federal law does not require that salmon be brought back to abundant levels, and that the harm caused by Columbia river dams can be ignored. This is absolute nonsense. The federal government wants to turn its back on its previous policy of recovering salmon to levels that sustain social, economic and ecological benefits - and substitute the lower standard of making sure that salmon simply survive."

The governor added that he is prepared to use "every legal tool the state has" in the name of turning survival back into recovery.

Southeast Asia Tsunami Caused Havoc on Marine Fisheries, Aquaculture Infrastructure

January 13, 2005

The tsunami waves have had a devastating impact on the fisheries sector in many countries of the Indian Ocean, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) said Thursday.

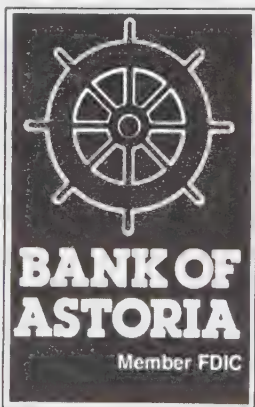
In Sri Lanka, more than 7,500 fishers have been killed by the tsunami and more than 5,600 are still missing. More than 5,000 Sri Lankan fishing families have been displaced and 80 percent of coastal fishing vessels have been completely destroyed or very seriously damaged, including around 19,000 boats. Ten out of the 12 main fishing harbours in the country have been completely devastated including infrastructure such as ice plants, cold rooms, workshops and slipways.

FAO has already sent fisheries experts to Sri Lanka to advise the government on the repair and rehabilitation of fishing harbours and infrastructure, fishing boats and fishing gear.

In the Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam Province of Indonesia, where 42,000 fishers and their families live, 70 percent of the small-scale fishing fleet have been destroyed. In Nias Island, about 800 fishing canoes have been destroyed. Two thirds of local fisherfolk from the capital Banda Aceh were killed by the waves.

Fish farming was severely affected in northern Sumatra with about 1,000 fish cage farms having been completely destroyed.

"FAO is currently assessing the damage and will help the government and local authorities to repair and replace fishing boats and gear and start with the initial repair of water fishponds and infrastructure so that fish production can be re-



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sumed as soon as possible," said Jeremy Turner, chief of the Fishery Technology Service.

In the affected coastal areas of Thailand, 386 fishing villages with a population of around 120,000 people have lost about 4,500 fishing boats, or their fishing gear has been seriously damaged. Most fishing boats are owned by small-scale, traditional fishers. The total damage to marine capture fisheries alone is estimated at around \$16.6 million.

Eight fishing harbours and their infrastructure have been seriously damaged. The affected aquaculture industry has suffered a serious setback. A total of around 15,800 fishing cages have been damaged, this has caused losses of about \$33 million. In some areas, seafood supplies have dropped by 90 percent since the tsunami.

FAO is preparing support measures for fisherfolk in six southern Provinces of Thailand providing essential fisheries inputs and assisting in the repair of damaged fishing vessels and damaged fishery infrastructure.

In the Maldives, where a very large part of the population depends on fishing for their livelihood, more than one third of all inhabited islands were severely damaged and hundreds of boats

and harbours were destroyed. FAO is planning to assist the country with the repair and replacement of fishing boats, engines and fishing gear as well as with the repair and rehabilitation of fisheries infrastructure.

In the state of Andhra Pradesh in India, fishers along the 1,000 km coastline were the worst hit by the tsunamis. Around 2,000 fishing boats and about 48,000 fishing gears were lost, about 300,000 fishers have lost their jobs. In the state of Tamil Nadu, 591 fishing villages and 30 islands of the Andaman and Nicobar islands have been badly affected by the tsunamis. India's seafood exports may decline by around 30 percent as a result of the tsunami.

In Myanmar, some 200 villages spread along the southern coast and heavily relying on fishing have been hit by tsunamis and lost fishing vessels, fishing gear and infrastructure. Some 17 seaside fishing villages have been reported as destroyed and at least 53 people as killed by the tsunamis. FAO is preparing for a long-term participation in relief and rehabilitation measures for the affected fishing communities.

In Malaysia, the livelihoods of about 6,000 fishers have been affected by the disaster.

In Somalia, around 2,600 fishing boats

have been destroyed. FAO is assisting in damage and needs assessments and making preparations for the repair of damaged fishing vessels and for the provision of essential fishing inputs in six southern provinces of the country. FAO will also provide short-term financial aid and training in improved fishing techniques and boatbuilding to about 2,000 fishers.

In the Seychelles, coastal fish farms and the artisanal fisheries sector suffered extensively. A great number of fishing vessels were damaged or lost. The two fish processing plants and cold storage facilities located at the fishing port in Victoria were also affected by the tsunamis. FAO is preparing assistance programmes for the repair and replacement of fishing vessels and landing facilities and for the restoration of sustainable livelihoods in the fisheries sector.

The damage caused by the recent tsunamis in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors of the affected countries is worse and more complex than expected, according to Turner.

FAO's Fisheries Department has embarked on a concerted effort to assist the fisheries and aquaculture sectors of the tsunami effected countries through relief and rehabilitation measures and projects.

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A Wave Goodbye

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An attorney from a prominent Cathlamet, Wash., family drowned rescuing his son from the waters off Long Beach, north of the Bolstad approach.

Paul Doumit was on an outing at the beach with his 10-year-old son, Joel, and 11-year-old David, the son of Doumit's brother, Washington state Sen. Mark Doumit, when the boys ran into trouble.

Details are unclear, but it appears the boys were either swept out by the waves or encountered a "crab hole," a sudden, unexpected hole in the sand.

When he saw that the boys needed help, Doumit, 46, swam in. He lifted Joel out of the water so he could breathe, then he disappeared from sight.

"It appears he did indeed save his son's life," said Thomas O'Donohue, fire chief of Pacific County District 1.

Joel was pulled to safety by the Pacific County Technical Rescue team, and David reached the shore on his own, according to information provided by Brian

Brewbaker, a U.S. Coast Guard petty officer.

Doumit was one of 11 siblings, including eight brothers and three sisters. His sister, Margaret Emerick, died of cancer nearly two years ago.

"He was a wonderful man," Mark Doumit said. "He was a very generous, wonderful man. He loved children and loved the outdoors.

"I don't know anyone who didn't think highly of him," Mark Doumit said. "It's a big loss for the community and his family."

The two brothers were partners in a salmon gillnet boat, and they had recently returned from a fishing trip in Alaska.

Paul Doumit worked for the Washington state attorney general for seven years before opening up a law firm with offices in Olympia and Cathlamet.

He and his wife Mary had recently married and moved to Puyallup, Wash. Mary is expecting their first child together.

The Astoria Regatta Gillnet boat races this year dedicated the first heat as a memorial to Paul Doumit.

Luke Zankich



Went to be with the Lord on June 10, 2004.

Luke joins his wife Maaikie H. Zankich, of 64 years, who passed away on August 29, 2003 and other family and friends.

Luke was born in Astoria, Oregon on August 8, 1917. Luke and his wife Maaikie moved to Seattle in 1949 and resided on Queen Anne Hill until their deaths. They are survived by their two children, Mary Jean Denning (husband Ken) of Big Sandy, Montana and L. Paul Zankich (wife Kay) of Seattle.

Luke is also survived by six grandchildren: Maaikie, Mark, Eric, Luke, Alex, and Lisa; as well as three great grandchildren: Amanda, Jonathan and Zephaniah. Also survived by two sisters: Cookie Doody and Georgia Ross of Oregon.

Luke worked as a machinist, a mechanic and as a marine engine and generator salesman and worked for Astoria Marine Shipbuilding, Atlas Engine Co., National supply Co., White Diesel and Northern Commercial Co. Luke served the N.W. Marine Trades Association as Seattle Boat Show manager for several years. He was considered a pillar of the marine industry in the Northwest by many of his friends and business associates.

Luke enjoyed hunting, boating and traveling and would have liked to have done more of these activities but was prevented, in later years by the failing health of he and his wife.

He also operated a commercial fish buying launch up and down the lower river in his early career.

Nicholas Marko Rusinovich, Sr.

Commercial gillnetter



Nicholas Marko Rusinovich, 76, a lifetime resident of Clatsop County, died Aug. 23, 2004, at his home in Svensen. He had been cared for under the watchful eye of his family with assistance from Hospice since February.

Mr. Rusinovich was born at home in

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Clifton Mar. 22, 1928 to Visko Rusinovich and Elizabetha Gizdavich. He attended school in Clifton before becoming a commercial fisherman.

At age 14, the waters of the Columbia River became the place of self-employment for Mr. Rusinovich's gillnetting. Each summer, for more than 40 years, he returned to Alaska for the annual run of sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay. In the early 1980s, he sold his Alaska boat and permit to concentrate on fishing the Columbia River. During off seasons, he could be found working for the Bradwood Sawmill and Bumble Bee shipyards or hunting ducks. As the salmon seasons became scarcer on the river, so did Mr. Rusinovich's fishing presence. He retired in the early 1990s.

Mr. Rusinovich married Agnus McNulty Feb. 12, 1949 in Astoria. She survives, residing in Svensen.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rusinovich is survived by one sister, Katie Skipper of Seaside; two daughters and one son-in-law, Elaine Rusinovich and Shirley and Rick Pass, all of Svensen; one son and two daughters-in-law, Vince and Katie Rusinovich and Sherry Rusinovich, all of Svensen; seven grandchildren, Dominic, Nicole, Ryan, Chase and Nikki Rusinovich and Michael and Brad Pass; a brother-in-law, Walt McNulty; one niece Toni Gula; a nephew, Danny Skipper, and numerous other nieces and nephews. His sister Antoinette and his oldest son Nickie preceded him in death.

Edwin Lahti

Longshoreman & Fisherman



Ed Lahti, Lifelong resident of Astoria died November 13, 2004. Ed was born in Astoria on October 19, 1941 to Edwin and Vivian Lahti. He started gillnetting when he was 17 years old in Youngs Bay, and enjoyed 40 years of fishing the waters of the Columbia River. Ed began his longshoring career in 1959. He loved the 44 years he spent working on the waterfront and developed a deep friendship with his union brothers. Ed retired from the ILWU Local 50 of Astoria in 2003. In 1964 he married Carol Larson, also from Astoria. They have a daughter, Kris Lahti, and a son, Rick Lahti. Ed spent many dedicated hours as a 4-H horse show dad and t-ball coach. He took great joy in in-

troducing the sport of hunting and fishing to numerous neighborhood kids. Some of Ed's favorite hunting memories are of the 17 deer seasons he spent hunting in the Hells Canyon area with his son Rick. In addition to deer he also successfully hunted elk, antelope, and ducks for the past 40 years. Among his many talents he was an accomplished woodworker. Ed is survived by his spouse Carol Ann Lahti of Astoria, OR, his son & daughter-in-law Rick & Missy Lahti of Astoria, OR, his daughter Kris Lahti of Astoria, OR, his grandson's Danny Lahti, & Logan Tausch both of Astoria, OR, his granddaughter Kailey Tausch of Astoria, OR, his brother-in-law & wife Ernie & Christie Larson of Knappa, OR, a niece, Lara Moore of Clatskanie, OR, a nephew Ian Amanna of Hillsboro, OR, and an aunt Lorna Kairala of Astoria, OR and numerous friends and extended family. He was loved, and will be missed by many.

Elroy S. Svensen

Commercial fisherman



Elroy S. Svensen, 88, of Puget Island, Wash., died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004 in Cathlamet, Wash.

Mr. Svensen was born Oct. 8, 1916 on Puget Island to Sidney H. and Esther J. (Vog) Svensen.

Mr. Svensen married Esther Skagen Nov. 13, 1938 on Puget Island. She died Aug. 2, 1997.

Mr. Svensen was a commercial fisherman on the Columbia River and Willapa Bay from the age of 13. He also fished in Alaska and Puget Sound, retiring in 1987.

He is survived by one son, Tom Svensen of Astoria; one daughter, Margrith Glaser of Astoria; one brother, Eugene "Sonny" Svensen of Camano Island, Wash.; two sisters, Lorraine Bailey of Renton, Wash., and Selma Olsen of Cathlamet; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Editors note: Elroy Svensen has written several articles for the Columbia River Gillnetter in past years.

Clarence "Snooky" John Barendse



Clarence "Snooky" John Barendse, 79, of Knappa, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004 in Portland.

Mr. Barendse was born Nov. 13, 1924 in Astoria to Clarence and Helma Mae (Erickson) Barendse.

He attended school, in Brownsmead and then was called to World War II as a member of the 106th Infantry Division in the U.S. Army. He survived the Battle of the Bulge and more than five months in Stalag III, a German prisoner of war camp. In 1985, he belatedly received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal and both his U.S. Army and German POW dog tags. He hoped to one day receive his medal designated for POW, but like many POWs, that medal never came.

Mr. Barendse married Carol Darling Oja March 3, 1946 in, Astoria. She survives, living in Knappa.

After the war, he became a commercial fisherman on the RaeAnn and logged for the family company, the Fertile Valley Logging Company, until retirement in 1986.

In retirement he enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys play football, eating crawfish and oysters, playing pinochle and cribbage, and collecting duck decoys, old salmon labels, and old Astoria postcards. Family members said he liked to teach people how to smoke and pickle fish.

He was a member of the BKS Sportsman's Club, Columbia River Fisherman's Protection Union, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Prisoners of War, Elks, American Legion, and in 1992 was listed as a Clatsop County Treasure.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Joy and Wayne Brotherton of Scappoose and Janice and Patrick McConahay of Knappa; two grandsons, John and Keagan McConahay of Knappa; four granddaughters and son-in-laws, Stefanie and Dan Dingleline of Peoria, IL, Carole and John Strnad of Woodburn, Christi and Cody Schmidt of Milwaukie, and Sascha and Chris Hubbard of Hawaii; one granddaughter, Cassandra VanGundy of Knappa; three great-granddaughters, Cayla VanGundy of Knappa and Abigail Strnad and Samantha Harms, both of Woodburn;

seven greatgrandsons, Jack Hubbard of Hawaii, Kai and Kolebey Vaughn of Astoria, and Brandon Harms, Jesse Nicholas and Noah Strnad, all of Woodburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Dick Wing of Warrenton; sister-in-laws, Donna Barendse of Knappa and Vivian Dunsmoore and Joanne Posey, of Svensen; a brother-in-law and wife Richard and Georgia Oja of Knappa and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

Note: You will remember Snookie's article "Brownsport Remembered" in the Fall 2004 Edition of the Gillnetter.

Joseph L. Thompson

Teacher

Joseph L. Thompson, 72, of Astoria, died Friday, July 2, 2004 in Portland.

Mr. Thompson was born Dec. 28, 1931 in Oakland, Calif., to Mollie (Osanik) and

Joe Thompson. The family moved to Astoria when Mr. Thompson was a young child. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1950. He then served for more than 15 months as a U.S. Army corporal in the Korean War with Company B of the 772nd Military Police Battalion.

Mr. Thompson attended Oregon State University for four years, followed by an additional two years at Portland State University. On June 21, 1958, he married Eileen Wirkkunen in Astoria. She survives, residing in Astoria.

Mr. Thompson taught in the Astoria school system for 30 years. He was also a commercial gillnet fisherman in Alaska and on the Columbia River.

He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Elk's Lodge No. 180, Clatsop Post 12 American Legion, Finnish Brotherhood Lodge No. 2, Scandinavian Benevolent Society and a member of the Uniontown Supreme Court Coffee Group.

Family members say he will be remem-

bered for his generous spirit and his quiet, steady manner.

He is survived by two daughters, Lynn Thompson of Astoria, and Leslie Long and her husband Brian Engbretson of Las Vegas; a son, Alex Thompson of Soldotna, Alaska; four grandchildren, Charlotte Heard of Astoria, Austin Long of Las Vegas, Corbin Thompson Schofield of Soldotna and Madison Engbretson of Las Vegas; a brother, Robert Thompson of Ocean Park, Wash.; an uncle and his wife, Alex and Emily Osanik of Belleville Texas; four cousins, Alexis Barrett and Summer Osanik Bell of Aurora, Colo., Cecil Prall of Keiser and June Brown of Bremerton, Wash; five nieces, Nancy and Daydre Turpen of Astoria, Christine Jackson of Escondido, Calif., Becky Bachart of Arlington, Wash., and Konnie Chacon of Wildomer, Calif.

Arthur E. Johanson

Businessman



Arthur E. Johanson, 85, lifelong resident of Astoria, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Clatsop Care Center in Astoria.

Mr. Johanson was born Aug. 25, 1918 in Astoria to Swedish immigrants Bill and Lena (Westersund) Johanson.

He met his childhood sweetheart, Gertrude Koski at the YMCA. It was love at first sight, family members said. On Sept. 24, 1939, they married in Astoria. She survives, residing in Astoria.

Mr. Johanson received his education in Astoria, graduating from Astoria High School in 1936. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War H. After the war, he returned to Astoria and worked for various companies, including Columbia Oil Co., as a truck driver. In 1954, he and his brother-in-law, Howard Bums, started their own business, Bums-Johanson Oil Co. They sold the business and retired in 1979.

He worked on various seining grounds as well as Gillnetted in the 30's as a young man.

Mr. Johanson enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, clam digging, crabbing, camping and the outdoors. Family members said most of all he enjoyed life and the company of his wife, family and friends. He was a member of the American Legion, Teamsters and a charter member of Peace Lutheran Church. He rarely missed a Sunday service. He also enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels.



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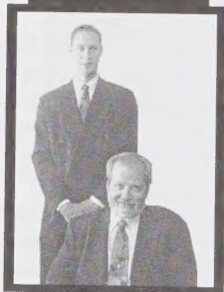
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His family said they will remember him as a loving husband and father who was gracious, caring, feeling, honest, ethical and humble; a man of integrity who taught by example. Family members said Mr. Johanson was amazed by the kindness and generosity of friends and caregivers.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Johanson is survived by two sons, Bob Johanson of Rainier and Lew Johanson of Portland; four grandchildren, Jeff Johanson of Beaverton, Brook Johanson of Rainier; Jim Johanson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jennifer Johanson of Longview, Wash.; four great-grandchildren; and one niece, Kathy Rodin of Warrenton. A brother, Gunnar Johanson, died, earlier.

Allard John Conger Jr.

Fisherman



Allard John Conger Jr., 86, of Astoria, died Sunday, Nov. 28 in Astoria.

Mr. Conger was born July 9, 1918 in Portland to Pearl and Allard John Conger Sr.

Mr. Conger attended Washington High School in Portland and the University of Oregon.

On June 13, 1940, in Vancouver, Wash., he married Ellen M. Muzzy. She survives, residing in Fredericksburg, Va.

Dissatisfied with the confines of his father's printing business in Portland, Mr. Conger began a commercial fishing career as one of the original Pacific City dory fishermen. He built two trawlers. Best known with his trawler, Nestucca, "Nestucca Bud" spent 40 years exploring ocean waters for bottom fish, shrimp and albacore. In the mid-1980s, he retired.

Family members said Mr. Conger's love of fishing and the outdoors never waned. Despite disability from a stroke, he was an avid sports fisherman until his death. They said he was a feisty competitor who played tournament handball until he was 80. He enjoyed square dancing, civic functions and participating in church activities.

Mr. Conger was a member of the Elks, Lions, Otter Trawl Commission and First Lutheran Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Conger is survived by a daughter, Monica I Zillman of Fredericksburg, Va.; one son, Allard Conger HI of Portland; four grandchildren, Todd M. and Kacy Conger, both of

Portland, Tanna Fox of Plano, Texas, and Kirsten Zillman of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Georgia Davey Maki

Georgia Davey Maki, a native of the Clatskanie area, died Nov. 30 at the age of 95 in Gladstone, where she had lived for the past year and a half.

She was born in Clatskanie on July 1909, the daughter of Richard and Ethyl (Shaver) Davey, and grew up in a float house on the Columbia River, taking a boat to go to school in Clatskanie. At an early age she learned to play the piano and played at Sunday school and for silent movies in Seaside while visiting her grandparents.

Her father was a fisherman, and at age 14 she learned, how to make and mend gillnets, which she did for local and Alaskan fishermen. At age 18 she married a fisherman, William Anundi, and lived in a float' house while raising two children. They were later divorced. During World War II she moved to Portland, where she worked in the shipyard as a welder.

After the war she operated a tavern on Beaver Falls Road in Clatskanie for about five years before moving to Astoria, where she lived for 52 years. There she worked in a plywood mill and continued to make and mend fishing nets. She married John Maki.

In 1976 Mrs. Maki was invited to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. to demonstrate the making of gillnets. She also demonstrated at the maritime museum in Astoria as well as at the Scandinavian Festival, the Astoria Regatta, and other northwest festivals and exhibits. She also enjoyed crocheting, gardening, camping, fishing, and hunting.

Harold "Harry" C. Nelson

Harold "Harry" C. Nelson, 86, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 in Portland.

Mr. Nelson was born Feb. 13, 1918 in McGowan, Wash., to Hazel Marie Wicken and Oscar Emil Nelson.

Mr. Nelson graduated from Astoria High School. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State College in Corvallis, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

From 1936 to 1942 Mr. Nelson worked as a towboat and ferry deckhand as well as a towboat captain. In 1942 he went to work as a coppersmith for Willamette Iron and Steel.

On Aug. 29, 1942, he married Virginia

W. Heinemann of Portland. She survives, living in Portland.

Mr Nelson also served four years in the ROTC at Oregon State and joined the U.S. Navy in 1943. He served in the Navy until 1946. He later began his career with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company in Portland, where he worked as a security supervisor. He retired June, 30 1978 after 32 years with the company.

Editors Note:

Harold Nelson has written extensively about his earlier years around the waterfront in Astoria and on the Columbia River. His story "A ride along Astoria's Waterfront in the 1930's" appeared in the last issue of the "Gillnetter," summer 2004, and also a similar story in the spring of 2003 "Quarterdeck."

Robert "Capt. Crunch" Clement

Robert "Capt. Crunch" Clement, 64, of Astoria, died Sunday, July 18, 2004 in Astoria.

Mr. Clement was born Oct. 11, 1939 in Astoria to Jerome and Edna M. (Hilton) Clement. After graduating from Astoria High School, where he played quarterback for the Fisherman, he attended the University of Oregon. Over the years he spoke frequently of his UO fraternity brothers and his lifelong friends and classmates in the class of 1957.

In October 1983, he married Sally Moran in Long Beach, Wash. She survives, residing in Astoria.

From 1960 to 1994, Mr. Clement was a commercial fisherman. In 1994, he became a Realtor and although he 'took pride in his real estate dealings, he was always a fisherman at heart.

Family members also say Mr. Clement was proud to be a lifer of Astoria. He loved to hear and tell a good story. They say he had more than enough love for his family to go around and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. They were his pride and joy.

Mr. Clement was an avid sports fan and loved Nascar racing. Friends and family say he had commented a few weeks ago about how lucky he was to get to live out all of his dreams.

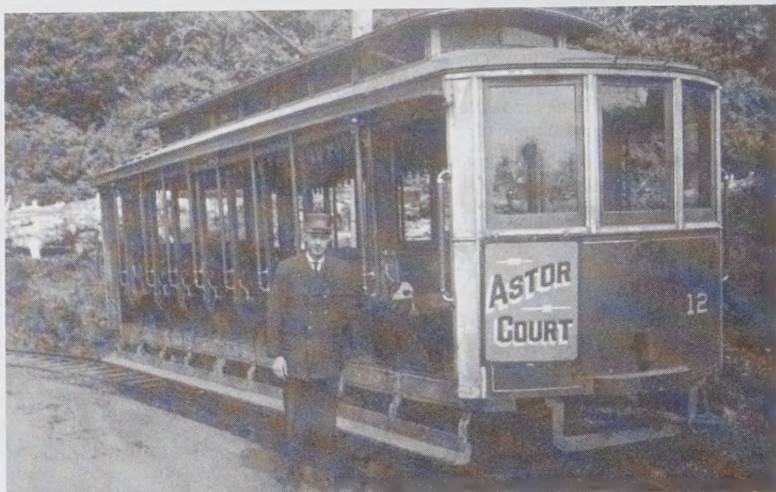
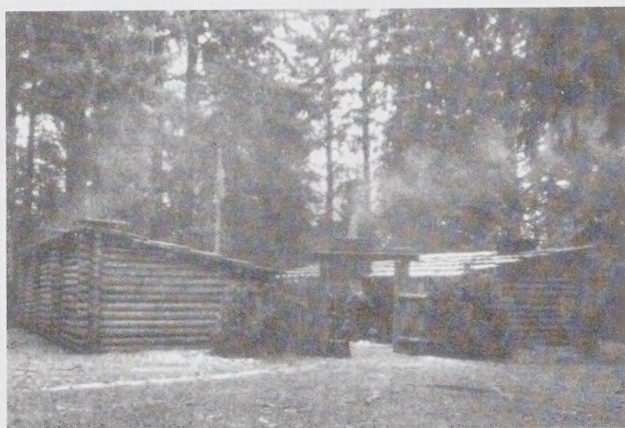
In addition to his wife, Mr. Clement is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Danielle and Lloyd Sherbaugh of Warrenton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher W. Cameron and Xaio Hong Liu of Astoria and Bob and Wosa Cameron of Tigard; six grandchildren, Bobby and Hayden Sherbaugh of Warrenton, Natasha Cameron of Astoria and Caitlin, Christopher and Maima Cameron of Tigard; and a niece, Melinda Hoffman of Lodi, Calif.

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